

Building Committee Vernon WPC Facility Upgrade
Via Zoom Teleconference
Thursday, June 9, 2022

APPROVED MINUTES

Regular Members Present: Vice Chairman Robert Grasis, Director of Water Pollution Control; Dave Smith, Town Engineer; Jeffrey O'Neill, Finance Officer; Dwight Ryniewicz, Director of Public Works; and Andrew Tedford, Chairman Water Pollution Control Authority (4:11 p.m.)

Absent Members: Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator

Staff Present: Steve Seigal, Tighe & Bond and Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Construction Meeting June 8, 2022

Robert Grasis said that there were no safety issues to report and there is no change to the schedule since the last meeting. Also: Methuen's project manager has resigned and his replacement should start in July; a meeting with all parties will take place next week to discuss carbon reduction; an issue with the bypass for the aeration pipe removal took place on Memorial Day weekend and Methuen responded quickly. Robert Grasis updated the committee relative to an issue with the primary transformer for the utility power; the generator was needed and it performed well.

3. Summary of Activities

Robert Grasis reviewed a summary of activities that included:

- The diffuser grid startup was completed on Aeration Tanks #3 & #4; training was provided
- North distribution work continues and various tasks are ongoing
- Aeration pipe removal and bypass work is ongoing
- Work continues on the aeration blowers
- Work continues in the plant water building and the solids handling building
- Work continues on the secondary sludge and primary sludge buildings
- RAS dewatering wet well work
- Work continues in the blower building
- Electrical work continues in the aeration area

4. Upcoming Schedule

Robert Grasis reviewed a schedule of upcoming work for next month.

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5. Change Orders

Robert Grasis provided background information and shared a photograph with the committee relative to PCO #105: CE #870154 - Blower Building Existing Suction Manifold Wall Infill. He answered questions from the committee. Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Andrew Tedford made a motion to accept PCO #105 CE #870154 as explained by Robert Grasis in the amount of \$11,120.96. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis provided background information on PCO #106 CE #870156 - Remove Cracked Yard Pipe and Repair at Filter Building West Side and answered questions from the committee. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz made a motion to accept this change order; this was unforeseen and could not have been anticipated and it is worthy of our consideration for PCO #106 CE #870156 in the amount of \$3,529.86. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

Robert Grasis updated the committee regarding the disc filter breakers. Discussion took place relative to phosphorous removal, backwash pumps, disc filter motors, and DEEP. Steve Seigal provided additional details. Krueger has offered to pay \$8,000 of the \$12,000 cost to correct the disc filter tripping issue. It was the consensus of the authority to accept a future change order for \$4,000; Steve Seigal said that the \$4,000 would be eligible for the 30% grant. Robert Grasis said that he will notify Administration.

Robert Grasis reported that the backup documentation regarding shipping costs for the IFAS media will be sent to Administration.

A summary of change orders prepared by Heatheryn Leduke was distributed to the committee.

6. Stored Materials

None.

7. Additional Items

None.


8. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2022

Dwight Ryniewicz, seconded by Dave Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of the May 26, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed (4-0-1) with Andrew Tedford abstaining.

9. Adjournment

Dave Smith reminded the committee that he will be on vacation and will not attend the June 23rd meeting. Dave Smith, seconded by Dwight Ryniewicz, made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Yost, Recording Secretary